

**Stark
Development
Board, Inc.**

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

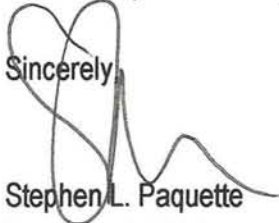
This letter is a comment on the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger, which is on your 11-65 docket. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this issue.

Stark County, Ohio has been a successful location for businesses since the mid-nineteenth century. Historically, manufacturing has been the backbone of our economy, but we also seek to attract technology, alternate energy, and service industries to our area. That's where Stark Development Board steps in. As the key economic development organization in Stark County, we help local businesses grow and expand and we work to attract new businesses. It is clear to us that increased deployment of reliable, high-speed Internet is crucial for economic development in our region.

Expanded access to enhanced network infrastructure and faster Internet speeds will provide more chances for Ohio businesses to compete in today's global economy and into the future. This in turn can encourage innovation, job creation, and economic growth, all of which will benefit communities in Ohio. Now, this access will only come after the existing network is expanded, and that expansion is exactly what AT&T is proposing to do if this merger is approved. In fact, AT&T is committing to making a significant investment for the purpose of expanding. The merger with T-Mobile could result in near-universal mobile broadband access for the entire country, and it will accomplish this through private investment (not taxpayer dollars).

The opportunities for economic development that advanced communications technology makes possible are tremendous and far-reaching. The investment by AT&T will lead to more jobs, which will drive the economy and encourage local economic development here in Stark County—and across the nation. I hope you will support this transaction, and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. Paquette
President & CEO